

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



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MEETING PROGRAM:

YL DXPEDITION TO CURACAO

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MEETING NOTICE:

JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER

AERO DRIVE & MURPHY CANYON RD

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27, 2011

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

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The Prez Sez

Gayle Olson K6GO



Here we are at the conclusion of the 62nd International DX Convention. The Northern California DX Club hosted another fabulous event. Our San Diego DX Club was very well represented. Since a picture tells a thousand words, please go to our web site or check out "Virtual Visalia" on Page 4 of the Bulletin to see the photographic proof.

As the brochure says, there are many reasons why hams come to Visalia. For some it is to learn, for others it is seeing the latest in ham gear, for some it is card checking, and some come for the networking. Whatever the reason, I think we all had a great time.

N6V was the special event call for IDXC. Our own Rob, WA3IHV bought the new model SteppIR which he with Mitch, K6BK, Howard, KY6LA, Ron, N6XT and the SteppIR staff, and where it truly took a village to assemble and raise the antenna at the Holiday Inn. Finally they got it up and the N6V station was working just in time for Rob's birthday. He rented a U-haul to drive his new toy home to be reassembled in his yard.

I especially liked the sessions regarding DXing and contesting. There was a lively Q & A debate about the effects of the new technologies on contesting and pile ups. Mike, G7VJR did a fine job demonstrating the "Club Log" program. Our own Bob, N6OX was the speaker at the DX Breakfast. Bob did us proud in telling about his TJ9PF DXpedition to Cameroon.

Meeting John, K6MM in person was a pleasure. In addition to being the co-chair of the event, he is the one who designed and wrote the article in QST about a 160M helically wound antenna. Since several of you in the club helped me build it, John and I both enjoyed discussing the process, and he wants to see the photos.

Although I won't list all the prize winners, there were many from the club who won and some won some of the big ones. Yours truly was not one of them. But I was lucky enough to fly up and back with club members and pilots John, WA6L and Leon, N6VS. That was the best prize of all.

On another topic, the T31A team with our own Jim, K6ZH and Bud, N7CW, is up and operating this week. Hope we all work them.

I'd have milked the YL DXpedition for one more month, but we are the program this month, so see you at the meeting.

73,

Gayle

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS



Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of March 1, 2011 **\$5,097.84**

Income:

Member dues 20.00

Expenses:

March speakers dinner 15.62

T6PSE DXpedition donation 150.00

Ending balance March 31, 2011 **4,952.15**

Petty cash 20.00

Total club funds **\$4,972.15**

Legal fund: 20.25

Shirt and hat sales: 367.53

(Both of these balances are included in the bank balance, but a separate accounting is maintained.)

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive at Murphy Canyon Road.

Our vice president Dick, K6GAK called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Bill W6TWM, Claude KD6CYS, Paul KB5MU and Michelle W5NYV were recognized as our guests. 35 members and guests were present.

Our program for the evening was John K6AM adventures in the Caribbean isles.

A brief business meeting was held with nothing significant to report.

The round table was filled with tales of the "who worked the girls" in addition to ones that couldn't be heard and the ones we managed to work, in addition to observations on propagation and station activities.

Michelle W5NYV amazed us with her adventures in the San Diego airport with the TSA, after she went through the full body scanner with her hair braided.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon, N6VS secretary/treasurer

The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 30 METERS

4/11	4/10	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	40	?	?	330	+2
2.	2.	K6AM	40	312	317	326	+4
3.	3.	N6ND	40	228	230	324	+5
4.	4.	K6TQ	39	316	316	316	+23
5.	5.	N7CW	40	200	200	272	-
6.	6.	N6CW	37	?	179	268	-
7.	7.	K6XT	39	161	161	261	-
8.	8.	N6AW	40	248	249	260	-
9.	9.	K6ZH	39	212	214	244	+5
10.	10.	W6YOO	33	211	211	211	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 15 METERS

4/11	4/10	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	N6ND	40	301	313	344	+4
2.	3.	K6AM	40	332	336	340	+3
3.	4.	N6CW	40	?	324	336	-
4.	5.	N6AW	40	318	334	334	-
5.	6.	N7CW	40	279	279	313	-
6.	7.	W6YOO	40	310	311	311	-
7.	8.	W6YI	40	292	300	310	+8
8.	10.	K0XB	40	290	296	309	+14
9.	-	K6TQ	40	302	302	302	NEW
10.	9	K6ZH	40	279	282	297	-

The post-bottom of the sunspot cycle is not a problem for 30 meter enthusiasts. If anything, the band gets better as DX'ers the world over search for any frequency with long haul propagation. Some nice gains here from the top reporters on 30. Rick, N6ND holds on to his lead on 15 meters, which has sprung back to life with some good openings worldwide. Last year's second place holder, W6EUF (SK) had a 339 total. It only gets better, folks. Most of the gains come from the new PJ entities, so get me those reports as you fill in the remaining band country slots.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, the other WARC bands, 160 and RTTY. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

73, John, K6AM



Welcome to "Virtual Visalia", an opportunity to experience (or enjoy the experience again) of the 2011 International DX Conference

73, Bob Farkaly, K9RHY





SDDXC Major Contributor!

May 2011 Contests				
Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
CQ-M International DX Contest	7-May	1200Z	8-May	1159Z
ARI International DX Contest	7-May	2000Z	8-May	2000Z
CQ WW WPX CW	28-May	0000Z	29-May	2400Z

Nepal - 9N7AN 160m-10m & 9N7WL 2m
EME DXpedition March/April 2011



A small sampling of the DX that was available to the local Deserving during the month of April 2011.

DX Is!!

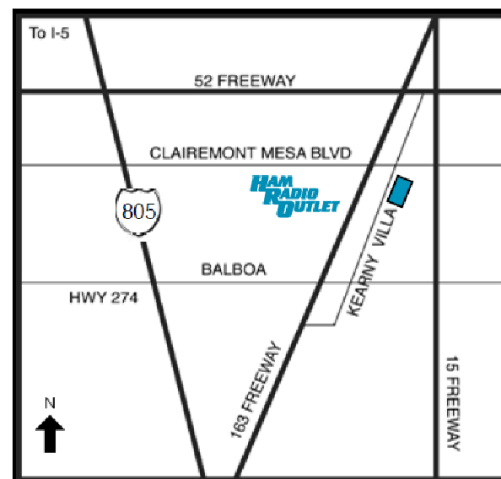
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Papua New Guinea 2011 DXpedition



Congratulations to Mike McGirr, K9AJ, former SDDXC Bulletin cover story subject, who was honored at the banquet of the International DX Convention in Visalia, CA as the newest recipient of the CQ DX Hall of Fame. The 600 attendees gave Mike a rousing round of applause for a well deserved honor. In his remarks at the podium, Mike expressed the surreal feeling of joining a group that includes not only the "giants" of DX, but also some of "my heroes when I was a young ham".



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